

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims and thereby reduce the filing fee.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application.

A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is attached. No new matter has been added.

Return of a Notice regarding the recordation of the attached Assignment is requested.

Return of an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08a is requested.

Acknowledgement of receipt of the priority document from the IB is requested.

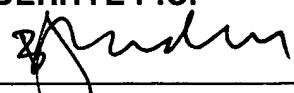
Acceptance of the attached formal drawings is requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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